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Montgomery County Seeking Information on Best Operating Model for Nursing Facilities

Norristown, PA (February 21, 2013) – The Montgomery County Commissioners today voted unanimously to issue a “Request for Interest” to gauge the interest from qualified entities on the purchase, lease or formation of a public/private partnership for Parkhouse, Providence Pointe, the county’s skilled nursing facility; Riverview Adult Day Health Services; and Montgomery Meadows Independent Living Suites.

County officials emphasized that no decisions have been made, and that they are simply seeking information to be in a position to fully understand the best possible operating model for Parkhouse and the other entities. They also emphasized that any decision that is made will be made with the best interests of Parkhouse residents and employees in mind.

The county commissioners said the decision to issue the RFI was part of an on-going review of all county functions to find the most efficient and effective ways to run county government, while providing the highest level of service and responsiveness to county residents.

Officials said the singular focus is on gathering information so that an informed decision can be made about what the best model is for operating Parkhouse in the future. They said there were no preconceived ideas of where this process will go, nor is there a bias about what model is best. The facts and information gathered will dictate what, if any, changes are made in the future.

At one time, 50 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties operated nursing homes. Today that number is 28.

Parkhouse, Providence Pointe is a 467-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility with 467 licensed Medicaid beds and 249 dual certified (Medicare/Medicaid) beds. Current occupancy is 444 residents in house for a total occupancy of 95.07 percent as of February 1. Services offered include: 24 hour nursing

care, nursing managers on each unit, medical staff on site daily, clinics where specialists can see residents, respite care, hospice, short term rehabilitation, dementia care unit, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, restorative nursing program, incontinence program, wound and special skin program coordinated by a certified wound skin and ostomy nurse.

Riverview Adult Day Health Services is a supervised, protective environment that provides daily care and is licensed for up to 50 participants. The mission of Riverview Adult Day Center is to provide a warm, loving, homelike atmosphere for frail elderly or cognitively impaired individuals in the community by caring professionals who assist them with healthcare needs, socialization, and mental stimulations.

Montgomery Meadows Independent Living Suites include 15 apartments offering three different-sized apartments for rent.